



S.Con.Res. 45 - A concurrent resolution commending the Ed Block Courage Award Foundation for its work in aiding children and families affected by child abuse, and designating November 2007 as National Courage Month

FLOOR SITUATION

S.Con.Res. 45 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Senator Benjamin Cardin (D-MD) on September 17, 2007. The bill passed in the Senate by unanimous consent on October 3, 2007, and was referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary but was not considered.

S.Con.Res. 45 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House of Representatives on October 22, 2007.

SUMMARY

S.Con.Res. 45 resolves that it is the Sense of Congress that National Courage Month provides an opportunity to educate the people of the United States about the positive role that professional athletes can play as inspirations for America's youth; and that the Ed Block Courage Award Foundation should be recognized for its outstanding contributions toward helping those affected by child abuse.

BACKGROUND

The Ed Block Courage Award was established by Sam Lamantia in 1978 in honor of Ed Block, the head athletic trainer of the Baltimore Colts. Each year in Baltimore, Maryland, the Foundation honors recipients from the National Football League (NFL) who have been chosen by their teammates as exemplifying sportsmanship and courage.

The Ed Block Courage Award Foundation has grown from a Baltimore-based local charity to the Courage House National Support Network for Kids operated in partnership with 17 NFL teams in their respective cities. Courage Houses are facilities that provide support and care for abused children and their families and are currently located in these 17 locations across the country: Baltimore, Maryland, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Chicago, Illinois, Miami, Florida, Detroit, Michigan, Dallas, Texas, Westchester County, New York, Oakland, California, Seattle, Washington, Charlotte, North Carolina, Cleveland, Ohio, Atlanta, Georgia, St. Louis, Missouri, Indianapolis, Indiana, Buffalo, New York, San Francisco, California, and Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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